Zip it up!

SCHAFFERT Manufacturing and Sales, of Indianola, Neb., has launched its new Zipper closer wheel for 2011 planting chores.

The Zipper's design helps close seed furrows gently with very little compaction, and provides a very long life from its heavy-duty cast material and an angled mounting, which prevents plugging.

The Zipper closer wheel can replace a rubber closer wheel, or Schaffert offers the Zipper ring only to mount on existing closers.

For more information, visit *www.schaffert.com*.

New TopSpin pre-cleaners

DONALDSON Co. has redesigned its popular TopSpin pre-cleaner for a range of agricultural, construction, utility and mining equipment.

The redesigned filter includes a stronger polypropylene material to withstand greater vibration, and the internal blade mechanism rides on bearings better protected than in previous models.

The TopSpin pre-cleaner is designed to extend the life of air filters by separating 85% of all incoming contaminants, and more than 99% of particulates 20 microns or larger.

Cast a new light on things

THE 5.11 Tactical UC3.400 LED flashlight is designed for the law enforcement field, but it's showing promise for other industries needing a dependable light source and long life. The light uses ultracapacitors instead of batteries, and advanced circuitry for quick recharges and controlled-current drawdown during operation.

Its fully sealed, water-resistant construction has been tested from minus 40 to 149 degrees F, and 5.11 Tactical says it will operate up to 10 years with no additional purchases.

The LEDs in the UC3.400 provide 270 lumens in bright mode and 90 lumens in the standard mode. Also, a third mode provides a 170-lumen strobe flash.

The light carries a suggested retail of $169.

For more information, visit *www.511tactical.com.*

Storage bins small but tough

AMERICAN Craftsmen Inc. has introduced a storage bin in quarter-ton and half-ton capacity sizes for small dry-bulk materials, such as wood pellets and livestock feeds. The bins are ideal for rural operations that need to store feed for 10 head or less of livestock, or for other animals. The moisture-proof, rodent-proof bin stores and dispenses materials easily, with the hopper opening set high enough to empty into a 3-gallon bucket.

All of the storage bin's parts are made in the United States. The hopper and lid are constructed of 3/16-inch polyethylene plastic that will not crack in extreme winter temperatures. The hopper is semi-transparent, so the product level can be seen. The 0.105-inch-thick steel frame is a 1.5-by-0.12-inch wall-square tube that is rust-resistant and powder-coated. Both the 500- and 1,000-pound versions are available with optional axle-tongue kit mounting for highway transport, or with caster-wheel kit bolts for portable mounting.

For more information, write to American Craftsmen, P.O. Box 484, Coffeyville, KS 67337, or call 800-835-0687.

New flotation radial offered

ALLIANCE Tire Group is introducing the Series 388 for spreaders, tankers and other heavy agricultural trailers that spend their time in the field and on the road.

The new Flotation Series 388 features a self-cleaning curved tread pattern that also provides a large soil footprint.

Available in the 600/50-22.5 size, the 388 159D radial tire on drive positions offers a 13% boost in load capacity at 30 mph, compared to a bias-ply tire option.

The new series comes in seven sizes from 500/60R22.5 to 650/60R34.

For more information, visit *www.atgtire.com*.

Integra seed monitor

AG Leader says it will be offering Advanced Seed Monitoring through the SeedCommand system and notes the popular Integra display will be equipped to handle in-cab monitoring of planters.

The display features a full-screen planter performance view, including display items and bar graphs for population, singulation, skips/doubles and spacing quality.

All of these features are available while the display is performing guidance, mapping and autosteer functions.

For more information on the SeedCommand system and the new display features, go to *www.agleader.com*.

NEW FORKS: These compact pallet forks are rated at 2,000 pounds and feature many of the durability features of larger Worksaver units.

3 new compact pallet forks are rated at 2,000 pounds

WORKSAVER Inc. is selling a compact pallet fork for 40-hp-and-under tractors using Class I forks rated at 2,000 pounds.

Three models are available, including the SSPF-242 compatible with the "universal" skid-steer attaching system; the JDPF-2000, for John Deere 200/300 Series loaders; and the FLPF-2000, which accepts Worksaver interfacing brackets to fit most of today's compact loaders.

Spring-loaded latches allow the operator to move the forks along the notched rails for easy spacing adjustment.

For more information, call Worksaver at 217-324-5973, or visit *www.worksaver.com*.

Kubota L-Series packs in more muscle power

DELUXE features and a healthy boost in power mark Kubota Tractor Corp.'s newest entries into its L-Series compact tractor line.

The new L3200 and L3800 develop 31.9 and 37.4 horsepower, respectively, and feature new styling cues, operator controls and performance-matched backhoes and loaders. The models come in two-wheel and four-wheel drive, and can be equipped with a gear-drive or three-range hydrostatic transmission. All come with a 10-gallon fuel tank.

The LA524 front loader and BH77 backhoe that match the tractors operate with a large-capacity hydraulic pump. The loader features a curved-boom design and is rated at 1,490 pounds. The backhoe also shares curved-boom designing, and is capable of digging 92.5 inches. Tillers and snowblowers are also available for the new L-Series tractors.

Styling on the L3200 and L3800 provides a sloped metal hood and fenders for improved operator visibility, and a contoured suspension seat is designed to improve operator comfort. A foldable Rollover Protective Structure is standard, as is a newly designed instrument cluster with large gauges.

For more information on the new entries to the L-Series, visit *www.kubota.com*.